

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday After Christmas

December 30, 2018

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE:

- I. *The Coventry Carol* - arr. Robert J. Hughes
- II. *The Child Jesus* - Puerto Rican Melody, arr. Lani Smith

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Psalm 118 says: This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Please remember to sign the attendance registers located in each pew. I would like to welcome Rev. Julie Adkins to the pulpit again, it is always nice to have you here. It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the response

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **God's mercy is for those who fear Him
from generation to generation.**

People: **He has shown strength with His arm;
He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**

Leader: **He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;**

People: **He has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.**

Leader: **He has helped His servant Israel,
in remembrance of His mercy,**

People: **according to the promise He made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to His descendants forever.**

Leader: **Let us praise and worship God!**

***PRAISE CHORUS:** Hymn No. 106 "*Prepare the Way, O Zion*" vs 1 BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN
Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** **Almighty God, You wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In Your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

Our first hymn today is

***HYMN No. 141**

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

PERSONENT HODIE

***CALL TO CONFESSION** **God has sent Christ into the world, not to condemn the world, but so that the world may be saved through Him. Trusting in this great gift of mercy, let us together confess our sins, and seek forgiveness and healing. Let us pray:**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)

Leader: **Once we were no people,**
People: **but now we are God's people.**
Leader: **Once we had not received mercy,**
People: **but now we have received mercy.**
Leader: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**
People: **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE: Hymn No. 71 *“Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me” (Refrain only)* FIRST SONG
Surely it is God who saves me, I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.

You may be seated and at this time would our youth please come forward. (If there are no youth (besides the regulars,) then just say “you may be seated.”)

TIME FOR YOUTH

Let us pray:

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Living God, help us to hear Your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking Your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON **Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 148 please read it responsively with me.**

Leader: **Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!**
People: **Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His host!**
Leader: **Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars!**
People: **Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**
Leader: **Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded and they were created.**
People: **He established them forever and ever; He fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**
Leader: **Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,**
People: **fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling His command!**
Leader: **Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!**
People: **Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**
Leader: **Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!**
People: **Young men and women alike, old and young together!**
Leader: **Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven.**
People: **He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to Him. Praise the LORD!**
Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**
People: **Thanks be to God!**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah 61:10-62:3, you may follow along in your Pew Bibles on Page 692

Our special music today is:

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Mary Did You Know?* - Lowry/Greene, SOLOIST: Pat Nash

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 2:22-40, you may follow along in your Pew Bibles on Page 59

SERMON

"Our Eyes Have Seen"

Rev. Julie Adkins

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 144

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

CRANHAM

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end, Amen, Amen.

You may be seated. It is now time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY Prayer concerns and celebrations

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

OFFERTORY: *The Hills of Bethlehem* - Todd Kendall

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Great God of power, we praise You for Jesus Christ, who came to save us from our sins. We thank You for the hope of the prophets, the song of the angels, and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. We thank You that in Jesus You became flesh and dwelt among us, sharing human hurts and pleasures.

Glory to You for Your grace-filled love. Glory to You, eternal God; through Jesus Christ, Lord of lords, and King of kings, now and forever. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN No. 113**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 79

"Light Dawns on a Weary World" vs 1

TEMPLE OF PEACE

Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.

Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* - Trad. Spiritual, arr. James Mansfield

***Those who are able may stand.**

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*Please join us for Coffee and Refreshments
following the Worship Service*

Daily Bread

Supplement

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY

Winter is here and our thoughts are with the homeless. We are collecting clothing for the needy. Especially needed are men's clothing, and socks in dark colors in all sizes. Please bring these items to the church and place them in the laundry basket located in the opportunity corner.
Thank you, Faith in Action

POINSETTIAS

If you bought a poinsettia, please take it home TODAY! Otherwise they might get thrown away.

BRING IN BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!

It's easy to find BOX TOPS, you may have some in your home right now. You can find them on hundreds of different products, from cereal as well as other kinds of food, to storage products, household products and school supplies. Look for a sample of one in the Opportunity Corner. Each BOX TOP is worth \$.10, so imagine how quickly they can add up! There is a write-up about this with a heartfelt thank you from the Goodland Academy on the bulletin board.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

NEXT SUNDAY

09:30 AM Choir Practice

10:30 AM Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service with communion and Installation and Ordination of Ruling Elders

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Millie Allen

Tom Price needs continued prayers

Continued prayers for Bill and Nina Swaney

Bill's father, Bill Gast

Sue Fitch

Continued prayers for Joan's nephew, Ryan McNeil

Makia and Mireille Epie

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Joan's sister Shirley Gearheart and her kids

Irmagene Mitchell

Steve Rangel

Bob Drury

Bruce Allen

Prayers for those who are unable to go to church, but would love to

Joe's friend, Kevin Kimsy – he had a stroke and has other medical problems

Pray for Russia – Christians can't share Christ in public

Travel mercies for Okoro, he went back home for 2 weeks

Karla Krueger, she has M.S. and is very sick

Mireille's co-workers

Fires in California

Carolyn Douglas – recovering from knee surgery

Travel mercies for Mike and Jo Keffer

Nancy's granddaughter is being deployed for 4 months to an unknown location

Howard and Cathy McCreary and family

CELEBRATIONS

Lorrinda came through her surgery, and is home now

Tyrone Wills is doing much better

Gene Knox is home from his cruise